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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS THERETO

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

At its twentieth executive session (902nd meeting, on 5 February 1999), the Trade and Development Board approved the substantive item of the provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Conference (item 8).

The provisional agenda, as completed with the customary procedural and administrative items, is contained herein. The annotations have been prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the usual practice.

With regard to organizational matters, the secretariat will issue an addendum to the present document after the forty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board in October 1999.

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   The developmental impact of globalization has been mixed: while some developing countries have benefited, others have not. Economic disparities among countries have not been reduced, with the result that a number of developing countries, particularly the LDCs, run the risk of further marginalization. Tensions and imbalances of a systemic nature have also arisen, and, given the high degree of interdependence in the world economy, the risk of financial upheavals spreading across other countries and regions has greatly increased. The international community should undertake a rigorous and balanced review of the policy and institutional framework for global trade and finance. In this context, the Conference provides member States with an opportunity to take stock of and review the major international economic initiatives and developments, in particular those that have taken place since UNCTAD IX. UNCTAD should consider the strategies and policies which are most likely to ensure the successful integration of all countries concerned, particularly the developing countries, into the world economy on an equitable basis and to avoid the risk of further marginalization.

9. Other business

(a) Periodic review by the Conference of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995(XIX)
(b) Report of the Trade and Development Board to the Conference
(c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 80 of the Conference rules of procedure
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(e) Financial implications of the actions of the Conference

10. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Inaugural ceremony

1. The inaugural ceremony of the tenth session of the Conference will be held on the morning of Saturday, 12 February 2000, at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand. A detailed programme will be circulated prior to this event in Bangkok.

Item 1 Opening of the Conference

2 The rules of procedure of the Conference are contained in TD/63/Rev.2.

3. The 252nd (opening) plenary meeting of the tenth session of the Conference will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, 12 February 2000, at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre.

4. Rule 16 of the rules of procedure states that: "At the opening of each session of the Conference, the head of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected shall preside until the Conference has elected a President for the session".

Item 2 Election of the President

5. It is customary for the head of the delegation of the host country to be elected as the President of the Conference.

Item 3 Establishment of sessional bodies

6. In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the Conference may wish to establish a Committee of the Whole to consider and report on the specific substantive items referred to it by the plenary. In line with rule 63 of the rules of procedure, the Committee of the Whole may wish set up such subsidiary bodies as may be required to carry out its functions.

7. Pursuant to rule 65 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the Committee of the Whole may wish to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. Under rule 17, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole is to be elected before the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference and, in accordance with rule 22, shall be a member of the Bureau of the Conference.

Item 4 Election of Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur

8. In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Conference will consist of 35 members, comprising the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and the Rapporteur of the Conference. The Conference would need, therefore, to elect 32 Vice-Presidents.

9. The Conference may wish to decide that the composition of the Bureau should be such as to ensure equitable geographical distribution, i.e. 7 members from Africa, 7 from Asia, 7 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 9 from Group B, 4 from Group D, and China. In accordance with past practice, the regional coordinators and Chairmen of subsidiary bodies should be fully associated with the work of the Bureau.

Item 5 Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

10. Rule 14 of the rules of procedure provides that:

> "A Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed by the Conference upon the proposal of the President. The Committee shall elect its own officers. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference"

11. In keeping with past practice, the Conference may wish to decide that the Credentials Committee shall be composed of the same nine States that were members of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its most recent (fifty-fourth) session.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

12. In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference. Rule 13 provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Item 6 Adoption of the agenda

Agenda

13. As indicated in the introductory note to the present document, the substantive item of the provisional agenda (item 8) as set forth in section I above was approved by the Trade and Development Board.

Organization of work of the Conference

14. Suggestions regarding the organization of work of the Conference will be circulated in an addendum to the present document after the forty-sixth session of the Board.

Item 7 General debate

15. Unless otherwise decided by the Board, the general debate in plenary is expected to open on the second day and to conclude on the fifth day of the Conference. Statements will be heard each day, in the morning, afternoon and evening, in accordance with the order in which delegations have been inscribed on the list of speakers. Information on the opening of the list of speakers will be provided at a future date.

16. In accordance with rule 39 of the rules of procedure and guidelines approved by the General Assembly, speakers will be requested to limit their interventions to a maximum of 10 minutes. To this end, delegations might consider making available the full text of their statements and concentrating on salient features during interventions in the plenary.

Item 8 Developmental strategies in an increasingly interdependent world: applying the lessons of the past to make globalization an effective instrument for the development of all countries and all people

17. At the twentieth executive session of the Trade and Development Board, the President of the Board made the following statement in connection with the approval of the substantive agenda item: "The interests of developing countries with structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies, as well as the issues raised by the Group of 77, the European Union and other groups on 3 February 1999 in the open-ended consultations, shall be taken fully into account in the preparatory process for the Conference and the outcome of UNCTAD X." The statements made on 3 February and other statements made at the executive session of the Board in Geneva in connection with this item are reproduced in the report of the Board on its twentieth executive session (TD/B/EX(20/4).

18. Under this item the Conference is expected to have before it a pre-conference text prepared by the Preparatory Committee of the Whole, which will be established by the Trade and Development Board at its forty-sixth session in October 1999 and chaired by the President of the Board. The text will be transmitted to the Conference by an executive session of the Board, after its finalization by the Preparatory Committee of the Whole in Geneva.

19. The Conference will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to the Conference, as well as any other submissions to it by member States or groups of member States. More detailed information on documentation will be provided in future revisions to these annotations.

Item 9 Other business

(a) Periodic review by the Conference of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)

20. The membership of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and of the Trade and Development Board is annexed to this document.

21. Paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), as amended, states that the lists of States contained in the annex to that resolution "shall be reviewed periodically by the Conference in the light of changes in the membership of the Conference and other factors". The lists were last reviewed by the Conference at the ninth session in 1996.

22. The Board's recommendations on the review of the lists of States will be made available to the Conference at a later date.

(b) Report of the Trade and Development Board to the Conference

23. Pursuant to paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), the Conference will have before it a document drawing attention to the reports of the Board submitted to the General Assembly since the ninth session of the Conference.

24. The Conference may wish to take note of the reports of the sessions of the Trade and Development Board since the ninth session of the Conference.

(c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 80 of the Conference rules of procedure

25. The Conference will be invited to consider any applications from intergovernmental bodies for designation under rule 80 of the Conference rules of procedure and for the purposes of paragraphs 18 and 19 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX).

26 There are currently 107 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD.

(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

27. In the light of decisions taken during its tenth session, the Conference may wish to review the draft calendar of meetings for UNCTAD for the remainder of the year 2000.

(e) Financial implications of the actions of the Conference

28. Estimates of any financial implications of action proposed by the Conference will be submitted by the secretariat, if required, in pursuance of rule 32 of the rules of procedure.

Item 10 Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly

29. In accordance with past practice, the report of the Conference will be submitted to the General Assembly.

Annex

I. MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Holy See
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique

Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines
Samoa San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Tajikistan
Thailand
The Former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern
Ireland
United Republic of
Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam
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Yugoslavia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

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II. MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Canada
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Gabon
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kenya
Kuwait
Latvia
Lebanon
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malaysia
Mali
Malta
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Myanmar

Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Somalia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela
Viet Nam
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Yugoslavia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

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